

hidden, unjustified tax, then talking about the small amount. I'm going to find out how honest some of the people are in here or attempt to find it out with another kind of tax that would come closer perhaps than what you are doing here. But in trying to get you to adopt this amendment I want you to understand the context in which I am offering it. We've got a hypocritical statement in Section 1 of this bill that says, "The Legislature hereby finds that the large number of confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect place an enormous burden upon the citizens and government of Nebraska." Upon the citizens of Nebraska. So what do these conservatives and liberals decide to do? Not let the citizenry pay the cost of a societal problem. Select two groups that are not organized, that are dispersed throughout the society and hit them with a hidden tax to solve a problem that we're being told by the liberals and conservatives is society's problem. I hope you will adopt this amendment and strike that language from the committee amendment. Then I'll move into the rest of the bill, and if that fails, if all of these efforts fail, I'm going to try to kill this monstrosity. Either the thing is good and accomplishes a social good, and if it does and it's a social good we're talking about, all of the tax money that is levied ought to be the source from which we draw the funding for it. We don't make the...well, I won't draw another issue into it. You're welcome, Senator Morehead. That will conclude my closing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You've heard the closing of the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to ask for a call of the house and maybe it will facilitate then.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Will you please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Those outside the Chamber, please return and record your presence so we can move on to the voting of the Chambers amendment to